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MEETING MINUTES
General Government / IT Committee
Remote Participation
March 8, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

The General Government / IT Committee meeting was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman Niedermaier.

Members Present:

Chairman Craig Niedermaier
Village Manager Joe La Margo
I.T. Director Rehman Ali
Resident Jeff David

Approval of Minutes

Village Manager Joe La Margo made a motion, seconded by Niles Resident Jeff David, to approve the Meeting Minutes of the General Government / I.T. Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2022. On voice vote, the roll call was:

YEAS 4 Niedermaier, La Margo, Ali, David
NAYS 0
ABSENT 0
ABSTAIN 0

There being 4 affirmative votes, the MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

New Business

a. Discussion and Consideration – Renewal of Textile Recycling Program (Simple Recycling)

Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake advised that the contract agreement with Simple Recycling and the Village of Niles was coming to an end in April 2022. Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake introduced Adam Winfield of Simple Recycling, who gave an overview of the services Simple Recycling provides to Niles Residents. Simple Recycling provides free recycling with a scheduled pick-up made by the residents on the Simple Recycling website or toll-free number. The designated orange bags for recycling is no longer needed, as the scheduled pick-ups are now in effect. The Village plans to work on an

informational campaign to share the Textile Recycling Program changes with residents. The Village Attorney will review the contract extension, and will go to Village Manager for approval.

b. Status Update – Residential Refuse Contract (Groot Recycling & Waste Services)

Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake advised that the Village of Niles and Groot Industries contract is due to end in April 2022, and the Village is looking to enact a contract extension which will be presented to the General Government / IT Committee at the April 8 Meeting, and, with the Committee's recommendation, go to the Board of Trustees at the April Board Meeting. The Village is exploring the idea of direct billing to residents for Groot's services, which has been discussed and recommended by the Finance Committee. Many neighboring municipalities bill garbage services by utilizing direct billing or include as part of the utility bill.

Public Comment

Economic Development Director, John Melaniphy, informed the committee of the Village of Skokie's recent decision to increase sales tax at Old Orchard Shopping Center, and could help give Golf Mill Mall a competitive advantage as the Village works to redevelop Golf Mill.

Next Meeting

April 8, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Village Manager La Margo, seconded by IT Director Rehman; all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 09:35 a.m.

Margaret Keating
General Government / IT Committee Secretary